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## Robert "Bert" Williams, Registered AK Independence



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PLACE OF BIRTH: Fairbanks, Alaska

**SPOUSE'S NAME:** Theresa Fernette

OCCUPATION: Shop Hand, Day-time

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LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 28 years

### **ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**

Fairbanks, Alaska (Birth to October 2000; December 2001 to present)

#### **EDUCATION:**

High School Diploma: West Valley, 2011

Bachelor's of Science in Biology, Minor in English:

UAF, 2015

Master's in Biological Sciences: UAF, 2021

#### **SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Firearms, hunting and fishing, beekeeping, food security/independence.

#### OTHER:

My roots in Alaska go back to my grandparents, who moved from the Lower 48 in the 70's. I grew up in Alaska, and though I've traveled around the country Alaska always feels like coming back home. Alaska is a wonderful state and I am grateful to live in it.

#### STATEMENT:

As Alaskans we find ourselves standing on the edge of a storm. Problems loom large across the nation - food and fuel price increases and shortages, a multi decade financial bubble that is ready to pop, inflation - and with our unique position in Alaska we will experience these problems more acutely than much of the country. How Alaska handles itself in the coming years will determine whether or not the state will come out of the other side of these troubles infact.

The permanent fund must be safeguarded against financial catastrophe because the funds within it belong to Alaskans without exception. State land must be opened up for private ownership by individuals, so that it may be used for food and fuel. Federally held lands that are legally owed to the State of Alaska must be taken back into State custody. Our abundant natural resources must be available to ease the troubles of all Alaskans, not out of state commercial interests.

The goal of the State should be to get out of the way so that people can help themselves. No property taxes forcing people out of their homes, no firearms laws preventing people from exercising their rights, no home heating emissions regulations forcing people to choose between freezing or starving.

We are staring hard times in the face, but if we stand together as Alaskans we can make it through - together.

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